

Germans Invade Yugoslavia And Greece

MANY TIMMINS AND DISTRICT MEN WITH THE ENGINEERS AT GIBRALTAR



This picture from The Toronto Star of recent date shows many Timmins and district men in the special detachment of Royal Canadian Engineers who, since last November have been tunnelling under Gibraltar. Sergt. Chas. Holley, will be noticed in the front row as will also Capt. D. Taylor formerly of the Imperial Bank, Timmins. Others in the picture include Clayton, Bruce and Don McChesney, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. McChesney, of Timmins and Tommy Barnes. The McIntyre is said to have seven former employees in the group. The Engineers first went to the Rock under Major C. Campbell, Minister of Public Works for Ontario. Yesterday Mrs. J. McChesney received a cablegram showing that her son, Bruce, is now in England, the other two sons remaining at the Rock.

Nazis Claim Advances

Greeks Reported to be Holding Fast.

The Nazi war machine started through into Yugoslavia and Greece yesterday as the Balkans seething with talk of war, finally broke into flame. The Greeks report that great piles of German bodies mark the Nazi advance into the Struma river valley. The Greeks are reported to be "holding fast."

A dispatch from Switzerland says that the Yugoslavs have opened artillery fire along the Albanian frontier in preparation for an invasion of Albania. British subs are reported to be operating in the Adriatic from the Yugoslavian ports of Kotor and Dubrovnik.

German reports claim that the Germans have pushed between 20 to 25 miles into Yugoslavia and Greece. The Yugoslavian government is believed to have been withdrawn to Vranes in southern Yugoslavia. Secondary government offices were reported to have been established in Cacak, 75 miles south of Belgrade.

The Italian high command claimed that naval bases of Split and Cattaro and an arsenal and air base were bombed yesterday as the Italians opened hostilities against the Yugoslavs.

The German air force apparently ignored the statement that the Yugoslavian government broadcast to the world last week, declaring Belgrade, Zagreb and Ljubljana, the capitals of Serbia, Croatia and Slova open cities. The Germans report three air raids over Belgrade.

Communications between Italy and the outside world were blocked out for twenty-four hours till this morning, and communications with Berlin were cut off for about the same length of time.

General Sir Archibald Wavell, British hero of the campaign in Africa, has assumed complete control of the British forces in the Balkans. It was indicated that Wavell and his staff had made full dispositions of the British army in Greece and had worked out strategical and tactical plans with the Greek leaders. The Balkan allies were warned, however, that they must expect initial setbacks, especially in Yugoslavia.

REDS SIGN PACT

Yugoslavia and Russia signed a non-aggression pact just as the Germans crossed the Yugoslavian border. The pact says that in the event of one of the countries being invaded the other will continue their friendly relations.

NAZI CLAIM

The Nazis claim that they invaded the Balkan countries in a counter attack against the British forces. Practically the same story was used when they invaded Norway and the Low Countries.

Special Feature at the Vimy Banquet Under the Auspices of the Legion

Annual Event to be Held on Wednesday Evening, April 9th. Schubert Choral Society to Provide Part of the Programme. Addresses by Members of Timmins Branch of the Legion and Others.

Wednesday, April 9th, will again be commemorated in fitting manner by members of the Canadian Legion, the event being the twenty-fourth anniversary of the capture of Vimy Ridge by the Canadians during the Great War, 1914-1918. The Timmins branch has planned another banquet and concert for the occasion and by the manner in which the officers of the Legion are working—it is assured.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will feature one of their special brand of meals, and this needs no recommendation, for the ladies are noted for their beautiful "Eats."

"Branch Orders" state that all ranks must stay for the entertainment, and low whispers overheard by The Advance reporter leads one to think that this will be away above the average. Some of the male section of Mr. Geo. Hale's Schubert Choral Society, with Mr. Hale himself at the piano, will be one of the features. To those who think they are "seeing things" the order is "keep on looking," because another highlight will be one of "Parlour Magic." This act is stated to be "tops" in its class. Other local artists will also be featured to fill out the programme.

Among those who will speak on the toast list are the following: His Worship the Mayor, Emile Brunette; Comrades Fred Stock, W. O. Langdon, Geo. Drew, Dr. J. B. McClinton, Major Cornthwaite, S.A., and others. All addresses are booked to be short.

Tickets are limited and can be secured from Jim Gordon, the club steward. First sitting is billed for 7 p.m. Wednesday evening in the Legion hall.

The battle of Vimy Ridge is recorded in world history as one of the major battles of the Great War. Three outstanding points were the means of the capture of this most strategic point. First was the greatest concentration of artillery fire ever used in warfare. Second was the months of preparation for the attack, this necessitating the taking of the great quantities of supplies to the front, with the enemy practically sitting on the lorries and transports used for this purpose. The wonderful system of communications which never broke down for a second during the attack. And third, the consolidation of the heights of Vimy Ridge in record time and strengthened to withstand heavy concentrated counter attacks by the Germans. Losses were very heavy on both sides and the Canadian National War Memorial erected by the Canadian Government with its thousands of names engraved thereon bears lasting tribute to those of the gallant Canadians who fell in this memorable battle. It had been reported that this memorial had been deliberately destroyed by Hun airmen in the present struggle for freedom. The R. A. F., however, took a special photographic trip to the site and it is officially stated that the beautiful monument to the Canadian troops was not damaged in any manner. Bomb craters could be discerned in the gardens and walks surrounding the memorial, but the structure was intact.

Official Suggestion Trans-Canada Highway to be Completed This Year

Dominion Department "News-Letter" Carries Interesting Reference that Fully Justifies the Attitude Adopted by the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade.

For years the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade and the several boards of trade comprising that body have been earnestly urging the construction of the northern roadways that would link up the east and west of Canada and make a reality the dream of many far-sighted men who pictured a truly Trans-Canada Highway. The late Dr. Doolittle was perhaps the most ardent advocate of the Trans-Canada Highway and though he saw much of the cross-the-Dominion roadway completed he encountered much opposition in his idea. During the last war his advocacy of the Trans-Canada Highway was met with the reply that a time of war was no time to even consider such operations. His answer to that one was to point out that a highway across the country (all within the Dominion) had the very greatest military value—indeed, from the military viewpoint was centred chiefly on the attraction of such a highway from the tourist business standpoint. Dr. Doolittle,

while president of the Canadian Motorists' Association visited the North and addressed several meetings in Timmins. He found here that most of the people were completely "sold" on the idea of the cross-Canada highway, and that the Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade had progressed to the point of advocating a specific route to bridge the gap in Ontario. This route (generally termed the "Northern Route") seemed the most economical and logical one. It could be built at comparatively low cost and it was much the shorter, as well as presenting no very serious engineering difficulties. In urging this route, however, the Northern Ontario Associated Boards had a discouraging task. It is true that from time to time the "Northern Route" was extended at both ends, with the gap growing smaller from year to year. Every once in a while, however, advocates of the Lake Superior route managed to delay the connection of the east and west roads (Continued on Page Two)

Police Lay Charge of Careless Driving

Charles Delisle, Facing a Charge of Careless Driving.

Charles Delisle, 42, living past McChesney's Mill, is facing a charge of careless driving after he was stopped by police early Friday morning. He was stopped on one of the local streets by police about half past one on Friday morning after they had noticed him joggling from side to side as he drove down the street.

The truck was taken in by police and tested and found to have defective brakes so the owner is also facing charges of having defective brakes. The truck was an International truck and is owned by W. H. Severt, of 153 Mountain Street South.

Another man, Denis Paquette, was arrested by the Rouyn police and brought back to Timmins by Chief of Police Leo H. Gagnon, on Friday afternoon, to face charges of non-support laid by the man's wife.

A woman was picked up wandering about the streets on Friday night, and is believed to be a mental case. She will be examined.

Fine and Warm To-day

No Indication of Any Change for a Few Days.

Mr. S. Wheeler, the weatherman at the Hollinger, was very hopeful this morning when asked for his forecast. The forecast for today is "fine and very warm". The weatherman can't see any indication of any change in the next few days either.

A high temperature was reached yesterday afternoon but indications are that it will be warmer today. We can now say good-bye to all of the snow and ice that persists in hanging around.

No rain or snow or any sort of precipitation fell in Timmins since last Thursday.

The following are the temperatures since Thursday: Thursday, max. 34, min. 8; Friday, max. 40, min. 18; Saturday, max. 40, min. 18; Sunday, max. 46, min. 22; this morning at eight o'clock, 23.

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All Ranks of "D" Co. to Replace Some of Their Equipment

All ranks of "D" Coy. Algonquin Regt. C. A. (R) F. are asked to turn out for parade to-night and are asked to bring in their belts, packs and haversacks to be exchanged for new equipment.

A warning has been issued that absentees will be sternly dealt with.

A stricter training schedule is expected soon and the company will be brought up to strength by calling up some of the trainees who have completed their training period.

"D" Company will hold an Easter dance at the McIntyre Arena, and all members are expected to turn out. Details of the dance will be given out to-night.

Two Fires To-day

Damage of About \$75 in One Fire This Morning.

A phone call at eleven o'clock this morning sent the firemen hurrying down to the rear of 67 Windsor. A fire had started from a defective wall block in the chimney and damage resulting was about \$75. The booster pump was used to extinguish the blaze after firemen had to chop away a piece of the wall.

At 9:35 this morning firemen were called to 161 Cedar St. N. to put out a chimney fire. There was no damage.

At 7:45 p.m. on Friday firemen put out another fire at 144 Laidlaw Street. A fire had started in a pile of rubbish and from that the shed at the back of the house had started to burn. Chemicals and the booster pump were used to put it out and damage was about \$50.

Winners of W. I. Bridge Tournament

Just before going to press to-day, The Advance received the results of the W. I. bridge, which are as follows:

1st, Mrs. Sec, score 6420; 2nd, Mrs. J. Gavin, 5640; Mrs. W. Moore, 5570; and consolation, Pauline Wadsworth, 590. The first prize was the beautiful afghan, the pieces for which were made by the High School class of Miss Eleanor Briffett, and the afghan being sewn by members of the Institute.

ALLIS-CHALMERS STRIKE SETTLED

It was reported this morning that the strike in the Allis-Chalmers plant near Milwaukee is over. It is reported that a settlement has been reached and that the men will go back to work tomorrow. The strike has been in progress for quite some time and it was referred to by President Roosevelt last week as the only real serious stoppage in the National Defence programme. The Allis-Chalmers plant is turning out machinery for National Defence.

MEALTIME ABOARD CORVETTE



Members of the crew aboard a Canadian corvette is active service crowd around the table at mealtime in the fo'c'se. The salty tang of the sea and the hard open-air work of seamen's life make for hearty appetites. Many corvettes are now being built in Canadian Shipyards for the Canadian and British navies. Each costs approximately half a million dollars.

From the Director of Public Information.

Charge Another Man With Passing Mexican Money

John D. Harrison Facing Charge of Trying to Pass a Mexican Twenty-Peso Note. Two Persons Charged With Keeping for Sale.

John D. Harrison, 107 Cedar St., Schumacher, had a charge of attempted theft by trick laid against him last night after he was alleged to have tried to pass a Mexican twenty peso note to a taxi driver.

Harrison is said to have rented a taxi and after driving to Schumacher presented a twenty peso note in payment. In the dim light, the taxi driver is said to have accepted the bill and given the customer eight dollars and a half in change, all that he had on him. He asked the customer to call at the stand and get the rest.

When the taxi driver returned to the stand he saw that the money was no good and started a search with the police for the man who is alleged to have passed it to him. The man was located at 178 Maple St. N. in Timmins where, police say, he was drinking beer. He was searched and in his possession was found practically all the change that the taxi driver had given to him.

Police say that Harrison claims the money was passed on to him in a joint in town.

A police raiding party swooped down on a house at 118 Commercial Avenue at two o'clock this morning and emerged with a quantity of seized liquor. As a result of the early morning raid James Vanadestine and "Dusty" Commeau are jointly charged with keeping liquor for sale. Commeau is also facing a charge of failing to carry a registration card.

At one forty-five this morning police raided the premises of Ephraim Belair at 50 Commercial Avenue and seized a quantity of liquor and laid a couple of charges against the man. He is facing one charge of keeping liquor for sale and also faces another of permitting drunkenness.

Jack Cooke, 268 Spruce St. N., is facing charges of obstructing traffic. It is alleged that he was blocking motor and pedestrian traffic at the corner of Cedar and Third as well as being abusive to the police.

District Well Over Objective

War Services Fund Drive Big Success.

The drive in the District of Cochrane for the War Services Fund has passed its objective of \$50,000.00 (exclusive of the mines) by \$4,900—\$54,900.00 in subscriptions and pledges being received up to Saturday night. Practically all the centres have gone over their quotas, the mines also passing the objective set by a good figure. There are many canvassers yet to report in whole or in part and it is expected that the final results will show all over the mark set. The Town of Timmins has already turned in \$10,021 in subscriptions and pledges, with many yet to be turned in. It looks almost certain now that Timmins will pass its objective of \$15,000.00.

ADDIS ABBABA FALLS

Addis Ababa fell to the British without a struggle in a climax to British conquest of Ethiopia evidently heralding a collapse of Italy's east African empire.

Letter from Unoccupied France Received in Town

More Facilities for Getting Food in Occupied Territory Than in Unoccupied France, Says the Writer. Illuminating References Made by a Former Professor of Toronto University.

A letter has been received in town from Unoccupied France that gives some illuminating references to conditions in Europe to-day. One statement that there are more facilities for getting food in Occupied France (under German administration) than there are in Unoccupied France (the area not nominally taken over by the Nazis) supplies considerable food for thought. In the natural course of events Unoccupied France would have the greater supply of food, Occupied France having been devastated by the war. If Unoccupied France is short of food it is because it has been robbed by the Nazis.

The letter from Unoccupied France was written several weeks ago by a gentleman who was for five years on the staff of the University of Toronto. Before the war he was resident in Alsace-Lorraine, and he was among those driven from those French provinces and seeking safety in Unoccupied France, under the Vichy administration. The letter was given to United States friends who were returning to New York, and they forwarded it to the addressee at Timmins.

The following are extracts from the letter:— "The occupying forces are governing our two provinces (Alsace and Lorraine) like German territory. They

send away the people they want and expatriate them. Lately, the libraries, both public and private, were purged from all books written in French. A good number of people have had to suffer great loss through that. It is also forbidden to wear the beret (the national cap of the provinces), and, of course, to listen to foreign radio. It is likewise forbidden to talk French or to whistle French songs. We have received some fairly recent news from people who have been expatriated. The discipline is strict and the punishments severe. On the other hand they have at present more facilities for getting food supplies than we have in the Unoccupied territory. These are the facts upon which I will pass no comment. People here are living in the expectancy of great events, and it may not be long before we have plenty of news items. Already one guesses such changes in the air. One can almost feel them in the atmosphere. Many are afraid. Many are hopeful. The Christian believer is the most privileged. He leaves his fears with the Lord, and cherishes no false hope, since his future is assured and since he knows to a certainty the end of it all. Whatever happens, he is ready, and the Lord assures him, 'My grace is sufficient for thee.'